

CRIGGLESTONE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12 JANUARY 2010

Present: Councillors: Mrs J Craven, P Daniels, Mrs C Norris, J Peebles (Chairman), Mrs C Platten, A Roe, Mrs M Skinner, K Wainwright.

District Councillor: B Denson

Apologies: Councillor P Crompton.

232. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were accepted.

233. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Wainwright declared an interest in Item 19 Planning.

234. STANDING ORDERS

Resolved: That standing orders be suspended for the next item.

235 TO PRESENT COMMUNITY HERO AWARD

The Chairman presented the 2009 Community Hero Award to Keith Wainwright in recognition of his valuable contribution to the Parish over many years. Canon Ian Gaskell, a member of the Community Hero Committee, reiterated the Chairman's comments saying that Keith was an eminently sensible choice for the award and noting his generous and self effacing manner. In accepting the Award, Councillor Wainwright said he thought it particularly important to teach young people about local history so that they could use the past to build for the future.

Resolved: That a press release be issued in respect of the Community Hero Award presentation.

236. TO RECEIVE SUCH ITEMS THAT THE CHAIRMAN MAY WISH TO LAY BEFORE THE COUNCIL

None.

237. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1 DECEMBER 2009

Resolved: That the minutes be approved as a correct record.

238. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES FOR INFORMATION ONLY

None.

239. TO EXCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved: That members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting for agenda item 26.

240. POLICE REPORT

PC Laybourne noted that 25 crimes had been recorded in December with 29 Safe Scheme hours being spent in the Parish in the month. He noted that following concerns, priority had been given to HGVs contravening weight restrictions on Durkar Lane and Hollin Lane. He had written to a local transport manager and to businesses on Crigglestone Industrial Estate reminding them of the restrictions. Police had continued to visit the Village Institute and Community Centre but there were no incidents of note.

With regard to speeding matters, a total of 29 endorsable tickets had been issued to drivers on Denby Dale Road at both Durkar and Calder Grove, Wood Lane and Durkar Lane. Two motorists were reported for summons, one travelling at 77 mph in a 40mph area. Seven vehicle defect

forms had been issued and four fixed penalty tickets issued in respect of parking at the Co-op at Hall Green and the Kingfisher Restaurant. Members were concerned that rock salt intended for use on public roads had been removed for use on private property.

Priorities for January would be speeding particularly on Denby Dale Road, and parking issues. Concerns from residents regarding delivery vehicles obstructing accesses near the One Stop Shop in Durkar would be followed up.

Resolved: (1) That the Parish Council thank PCs Laybourne and McMahon for the good policing of the area.

(2) That the Safe Scheme payment of £2,500 in respect of January, February and March 2010 be approved.

241. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM THE PARKS AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

A meeting to inspect the Park had been postponed and would be rescheduled for 24 January at 11.00 am.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

242. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM THE HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Committee had met earlier that evening. The risk assessment document had been updated and it was agreed to follow up issues regarding trees in Betty Eastwood Park.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

243. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM THE RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE

There was nothing to report.

244. TO DISCUSS HALL GREEN COMMUNITY CENTRE

Councillor Wainwright reported that a final inspection of the drainage works had been carried out and the Centre had now reopened. All the previous user groups except one had returned.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

245. FEEDBACK FROM MEETINGS

Councillors Daniels and Mrs Craven had attended a meeting with West Yorkshire PTE. They had received information about the proposed timetable changes for the 444/443 bus service and a new service for West Bretton through Newmillerdam. Councillor Craven's efforts to advise Metro about the need for a bus shelter opposite the Lord Nelson PH had been overlooked to date but she proposed to pursue the matter further.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

246. FINANCIAL MATTERS: TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The Responsible Financial Officer presented the following for payment:

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Clerk salary + expenses + payment for community plan hours	430.41
Clerk – other expenses	10.66
Responsible Financial Officer salary + expenses	213.07
Responsible Financial Officer – reimbursement of payment to Able Group – access to HGCC	78.20
West Yorkshire Police SAFE scheme	2,500.00
Inland Revenue - tax	251.58
AMS Lawn Cutting Services Ltd – trees Willow Garth	598.00
Xerox	14.08
R Sunderland – repairs at VI	25.00

Resolved: That the accounts be approved for payment.

247. FINANCIAL MATTERS: TO CONSIDER QUARTERLY ACCOUNTS

The Responsible Financial Officer presented the balance sheet for the period 16 September to 15 December 2009.

Resolved: That the balance sheet be agreed and signed as a correct record and that the bank statement be initialled by all Members present as a correct record of the Parish Council's financial position.

248. FINANCIAL MATTERS: TO CONSIDER BUDGET REPORT

The Responsible Financial Officer tabled a budget report for the current year showing the expected outturn at 31 March 2010.

Resolved: (1) That the report be noted.

(2) That proposals for virement within the budget be considered at the next meeting.

249. FINANCIAL MATTERS: TO CONFIRM PRECEPT FOR 2010/11

Resolved: That the precept for 2010/11 be confirmed at £46,000.

250. FINANCIAL MATTERS: TO DISCUSS LETTER RECEIVED FROM CRIGGLESTONE SPORTS CLUB

A letter from Crigglestone Sports Club had been circulated and further information was awaited from the Club. The Responsible Financial Officer confirmed that the loan had been issued in 1982 and £3,300 remained outstanding.

Resolved: That the matter be discussed further when more information was available.

251. VILLAGE INSTITUTE MATTERS

Village Institute Trustees' minutes dated 1 December 2009 had been circulated.

Resolved: That the minutes be accepted as a true record.

252. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON COMMUNITY PLAN

Councillor Daniels reported that the Steering Group had met in December and January to establish the group as an independent body. A constitution had been agreed, officers appointed and a bank account was to be arranged. With these matters in place further funding applications would be submitted.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

253. TO CONSIDER RELOCATION OF PLAYGROUND FROM DAW LANE

The Clerk had circulated an approach from Wakefield MDC Environment Services regarding the possible relocation of a play area from Daw Lane to Betty Eastwood Park. A developer would fund the construction and Wakefield MDC would maintain the play area. Members discussed the implications of the proposal and felt a meeting on site with Environment Services would be useful.

Resolved: (1) That a proposal to locate a play area in Betty Eastwood Park be agreed in principle.

(2) That a site meeting be arranged to be attended by Councillors Wainwright, Mrs Craven, Peebles, Roe and Mrs Platten.

254. CORRESPONDENCE

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| 1. | CPRE | Email: pylons, donations to CPRE |
| 2. | Dogs for the Disabled | Re sponsored dog walk at Nostell Priory, 9 January 2010 |
| 3. | NALC | Journal |

4.	Mayor's Office	Invitation to Civic Carol Service 17 December
5.	NALC	Email – Practitioners' conference 26/27 Feb 2010 Stoke on Trent
6.	P Beevers	Re 444/443 – concern re service not serving Barnsley after January 2010
7.	YLCA	Subscription increase 2010/11 + White Rose Update
8.	Y & H Rural Affairs Forum	Email - Rural Matters Newsletter
9.	YLCA	E bulletin - NALC lobbying for a fairer settlement in the government grant allocation, + RSPB advice sheets
10.	YLCA	Email – DoT guidance on 20mph limits and zones and speed limits on rural single carriageway roads
11.	Mary Creagh MP	Enclosing response from Highways Agency re M1 hard shoulder running.
12.	Sandal Charities	Accounts for Harrison's Almshouses and Sandal Magna Relief in Need Charity
13.	CPRE	Email – Light pollution + tackling litter
14.	YLCA	Email – Queen's diamond jubilee events
15.	VOX	Email – Next KCDC meeting 6pm 20 January Kettlethorpe High School
16.	SLCC	The Clerk Journal
17.	WMDC	Denby Dale Road East/Newsholme Lane – Proposed access only order
18.	Notts Sport UK Ltd	Re synthetic surfacing
19.	NALC	Email – Local council awards 2010
20.	WMDC	Invitation to Wakefield Together event 19 February
21.	WMDC	Slack Lane Traffic Regulation Order

Resolved: (1) That the Clerk write to WMDC thanking them for the proposed Access Only order on Denby Dale Road East ⁽¹⁷⁾
(2) That the remaining items be noted.

255. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Parish Council noted the planning applications before them. In respect of the Durkar Lane site, there was no further information available. Further details of proposals for Harratts and Well Head Mews would be obtained.

256. TO CONSIDER APPLICATION FOR GOODS VEHICLE OPERATORS LICENCE

A response received from the Traffic Commissioner's Office had been circulated and the Clerk noted she had confirmed that the Parish Council did own land in the vicinity of the Industrial Estate.

Resolved: That the Clerk contact Wakefield MDC as highway authority regarding road safety problems which might be caused by the proposed operating centre.

257. TO DISCUSS ARRIVA BUS SERVICE

A letter from Arriva had been circulated but members noted that the 9.25am service from Hall Green was still not on time. Information had been received about a service to be run by Tate's Travel between Wakefield and Barnsley. The Clerk noted that Arriva were happy to arrange a further meeting with Councillors.

Resolved: That Cllr Daniels and Mrs Craven attend a meeting with Arriva, and 15th or 22nd February be suggested as suitable dates.

Councillor Roe left the meeting (8.55pm)

(2) That a correspondent, Mr Beevers, be informed regarding the proposed Tate's Travel service.

Councillor Roe rejoined the meeting (8.58pm)

258. TO RECEIVE UPDATE FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Councillor Denson updated Members on drainage matters at Newmillerdam including repairs to the dam itself and proposals for the ford and a new footbridge at Slack Lane. He noted the priorities adopted by the District Council for gritting were major bus routes, emergency vehicle routes, other A roads and steep gradients, but no side roads.

Resolved: That Councillor Denson be thanked for his input.

259. UPDATE ON PARISH MATTERS

The Clerk had circulated the Parish Matters register and updated members on progress.

260. PARISH MATTERS

The following items were brought to the attention of the Parish Council:

- (a) Damage to the barrier at Denby Dale Road East/Durkar Lane.
- (b) Car for sale on highway near Durkar stone
- (c) Inadequate gritting after snow falls especially Durkar Lane and Hollin Lane which are bus routes
- (d) Potholes Denby Dale Road near J39
- (e) Street lighting scheme Durkar Low Lane not complete
- (f) Salt bins requested both ends of Almshouse Lane
- (g) Progress report for upgrade of footpath Wood Lane to Almshouse lane

Resolved: That the Clerk pursue these matters with WMDC.

Councillors Mrs Craven and Mrs Skinner left the meeting (9.25pm)

261. PRESS REPORTS – ITEMS FOR PUBLICATION

Resolved: That the Clerk contact Dr Chowcat to update parish matters for the press.

262. TO CONSIDER INPUT FOR PARISH LINK MAGAZINE

Resolved: That the Responsible Financial Officer prepare the Parish Council insert for the next Parish Link.

Councillors Mrs Craven and Mrs Skinner rejoined the meeting (9.27pm)

263. TO APPROVE ITEMS FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL WEB SITE

Resolved: That the December 2009 Parish Council minutes be placed on the website.

264. TO CONSIDER NEWSLETTER PROCEDURES

Further to Minute 228 (09/10), Councillor Daniels reported that increasing the distribution to 4,300 copies would involve an extra cost of about £35. Members discussed possible input from local businesses and the inclusion of advertising.

Resolved: That four editions of the newsletter with a distribution of 4,300 be produced in 2010/11.

265. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Resolved: That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held in the Village Institute, High Street, Crigglestone at 7.00pm on Tuesday 2 February 2010.

IN PRIVATE

266. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON PERSONNEL MATTERS

Further to Minute 230 (09/10) the Clerk reported that she had met the caretaker and informed her, in writing, of her employment rights as discussed at the last Parish Council meeting. The caretaker had indicated that she wished to discuss her future employment further.

The Responsible Financial Officer informed Members that she had been appointed as Clerk to Kexby Parish Council. Members reviewed their contribution to the WWYC course which the Responsible Financial Officer was undertaking.

Resolved: (1) That a meeting of the Personnel Committee be held at 7.00pm on Monday 25 January 2010 to discuss various aspects of the caretaker's post.
(2) That no action be taken in respect of the WWYC course.

SIGNED _____
CHAIRMAN

DATE _____

CRIGGLESTONE PARISH COUNCIL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

7.00 pm Crigglestone Village Institute, Tuesday 12 January 2010

No members of the public attended.